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SUBJECT: REQUEST TO ACCEPT GIFT

REF: STATE 54168

1. A BRITISH FIRM BY THE NAME OF E. H. PARKIN AND CO. LTD. WISHES TO PRESENT TO THE EMBASSY AND THE WHITE HOUSE TWO SILVER SALVERS IN COMMEMORATION OF THE BICENTENNIAL.

2. THE SALVERS ARE HAND ENGRAVED WITH THE FACSIMILE SIGNATURES OF ALL THE PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES. THESE TWO SALVERS ARE THE FIRST OF A LIMITED EDITION OF 200, BUT ARE UNIQUE IN THIS RESPECT, THAT THEY HAVE ALREADY BEEN PREPARED WITH THE SHEFFIELD HALLMARK STRUCK WITH THE DATE LETTER QUOTE A UNQUOTE. SUBSEQUENT SALVERS CAN ONLY BE MARKED WITH THE DATE LETTER QUOTE B UNQUOTE. FURTHER, THESE TWO SALVERS ARE TO BE MADE OF SILVER OF BRITANNIA STANDARD WHICH IS OF GREATER PURITY, AND THE REMAINING 198 WILL BE MADE IN STERLING SILVER.

3. THE COMPANY STATES THAT THE RETAIL VALUE OF THESE SALVERS WILL EACH BE IN EXCESS OF DOLLARS 4,000 AND IT IS THEIR INTENTION TO OFFER THEM LATER TO THE

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OTHER AMERICAN EMBASSIES AND OTHER BICENTENNIAL

COUNCILS OF THE 13 ORIGINAL STATES. IT IS NOT CLEAR
IN THESE LATTER INSTANCES WHETHER THEY WOULD ATTEMPT
TO SELL THE SALVERS.

4. THE COMPANY IS NOT ONLY ASKING WHETHER WE COULD
ACCEPT THE GIFTS, BUT ARE REQUESTING GUIDANCE AS TO THE
OFFICE TO BE APPROACHED IN THE WHITE HOUSE WITH REGARD
TO PRESENTATION OF ONE OF THE SALVERS FOR USE BY THE
PRESIDENT.

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